

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims:

1-40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) A method for sending trade orders to buy or sell a tradeable object at an electronic exchange, the method comprising:

receiving, by a computer device, a first user command from a user input device to ~~place~~
move a cursor over a location corresponding to a first price level displayed on a trading screen;
~~and subsequently,~~

~~establishing, by the computer device, an association between the cursor and the first price level responsive to placing the cursor over the first price level; and subsequently,~~

setting, via the computer device, a price for a trade order to buy or sell the tradeable object at the first price level, in response to the cursor being moved over the location;

receiving an update to ~~updating~~ the trading screen, by the computer device, subsequent to the cursor being moved over the location, where the update includes changing the first price level to a second price level different from ~~such that the location on the trading screen no longer corresponds to the first price level; and subsequently,~~

subsequent to the update and prior to receiving another user command to move the cursor to another location, maintaining, by the computer device, the trade order at ~~association between the cursor and the first price level; and subsequently,~~

receiving, by the computer device, a second user command from the user input device to send ~~[[a]] the trade order for a tradeable object~~ in an order message to an electronic exchange, wherein the order message comprises the first price level ~~in accordance with the association; and~~

sending, by the computer device, the order message to the electronic exchange responsive to the second user command.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, further comprising displaying a plurality of locations ~~via the computer device, each of the plurality of locations configured to receive~~ ~~for~~ receiving user commands from the user input device to send trade orders to the electronic exchange, ~~such that~~ where selection of ~~[[a]]~~ any one location of the plurality of locations through

a single action of the user input device ~~will both set~~ sets an order price parameter of the trade order ~~and send a trade order to the electronic exchange.~~

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein the user input device is comprises a mouse ~~comprising~~ having a mouse button and the first user command comprises manipulating the mouse to move the cursor over the location and the second user command comprises single action is a single click of the mouse button.

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~43~~ 42, wherein ~~the user input device is a mouse comprising a mouse button and~~ the single action is more than one click of the mouse button.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, further comprising:
displaying a plurality of price levels arranged on the trading screen, wherein each of the plurality of price levels is based on current market data associated with the tradeable object, wherein displaying the plurality of price levels arranged on the trading screen comprises displaying only those price levels for which orders reside for the tradeable object at the electronic exchange.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, further comprising displaying price levels corresponding to orders to buy the tradeable object along a first column and displaying price levels corresponding to orders to sell the tradeable object along a second column.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, further comprising displaying price levels corresponding to orders to buy and orders to sell the tradeable object along a single column.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, further comprising displaying those price levels that correspond to an inside market at designated locations.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, wherein displaying the plurality of price levels arranged on the trading screen comprises displaying a last trade price for the tradeable object.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, wherein displaying the plurality of price levels arranged on the trading screen comprises displaying price levels along a static price axis.

51. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 50, further comprising:
displaying a best bid indicator that represents a current highest bid price for the tradeable object; and
displaying a best ask indicator that represents a current lowest ask price for the tradeable object, wherein the best bid indicator and the best ask indicator ~~can move~~ are movable relative to the static price axis ~~when~~ according to changes in the inside market ~~changes~~.
52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, wherein updating the trading screen comprises repositioning the static price axis upon receipt of new market data so that the price levels corresponding to an inside market are moved to designated locations along the static price axis.
53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, wherein updating the trading screen comprises repositioning the static price axis upon receipt of a repositioning command.
54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53, further comprising receiving the repositioning command upon detecting a market moving outside a range of price levels displayed on the trading screen.
55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the trading screen is updated upon receipt of new market data.
56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the trading screen is updated upon receiving a repositioning command.
57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, further comprising associating the location with an (x,y) coordinate of the trading screen.
58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, further comprising associating the location with a plurality of (x,y) coordinates of the trading screen.
59. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[41]] 58, wherein the plurality of (x,y) coordinates form a cell on the trading screen.
60. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, further comprising:

receiving a third user command from the user input device to move the cursor to a new location corresponding to a new ~~away from the first~~ price level; and subsequently,
~~breaking the association between the cursor and the first~~ in response to the third user command, maintaining, by the computer device, the trade order at the new price level.

61. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the first user command and the second user command ~~[[is]]~~ comprise a single action command.

62. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the user input device ~~[[is]]~~ comprises a mouse ~~comprising~~ having a mouse button, and wherein the second user command ~~[[is]]~~ comprises a single click.

63. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the user input device ~~[[is]]~~ comprises a mouse ~~comprising~~ having a mouse button, and wherein the second user command ~~[[is]]~~ comprises a double click.

64. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein maintaining the trade order at the first price level ~~association~~ comprises moving the cursor to a new location that corresponds to the first price level.

65. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein receiving the second user command comprises selecting a new location that corresponds to the first price level by the user input device with the cursor positioned over the new location at the time of selection.

66. (New) The method of claim 41 where the first user command from the user input device to move the cursor over the location corresponding to the first price level comprises the cursor hovering over the location.

67. (New) The method of claim 66 further comprising changing the cursor in response to maintaining the trade order at the first price level responsive to the update to the trading screen.

68. (New) The method of claim 67 where changing the cursor comprises moving the cursor.

69. (New) The method of claim 68 where moving the cursor comprises moving the cursor to a new location.